



TOWN OF LOS GATOS

PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION

Submit to: Clerk Department
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| * Last Name: _____ | * First Name: _____ |
| * Address: _____ | * City: _____ * Zip: _____ |
| * Home Phone: _____ | Work Phone: _____ |
| Email: _____ | Fax: _____ |
| Present Employer: _____ | Job Title: _____ |
| Length of Residency in Los Gatos: _____ | |

** If appointed, this information will be made available to the public.*

| Previously Held Elected or Appointed Governmental Positions | Position/Office Held | Dates |
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| Civic or Charitable Organizations You Have Belonged To | Position/Office Held | Dates |
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| Schools Attended/Attending | Major Subject and/or Grade Level | |
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A separate application is required for each Commission. Please list other Commissions you are applying to:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name of applicant: _____

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Planning Commission? _____

2. Have you ever attended a Planning Commission meeting? _____. If so, please provide a summary of your observations of the meeting. _____

3. What design or land use experience do you have that would be useful on the Planning Commission? ____

4. The Planning Commission meets at least twice a month and requires a significant amount of homework. Are you prepared to make the commitment to spend the amount of time required to attend regular meetings, committee meetings, do site visits, and study the packet material? _____
5. How would you describe your philosophy of planning? _____

6. What do you think is the Council's role in planning matters? _____

Name of applicant: _____

7. Have you discussed the role of a Planning Commissioner with a current or former Planning Commissioner or with anyone on the Planning staff? _____

8. What specifically can you add or bring to the Planning Commission? _____

9. Please respond to the attached Case Study.

PLANNING COMMISSION CASE STUDY

PROPERTY LOCATION: 170 Canyon Oaks Road

PROPERTY OWNER: John Smith

APPLICANT: Superior Homes Development

OVERVIEW:

| | <u>Existing</u> | <u>Proposed</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| General Plan Designation | Low Density Residential | Low Density Residential |
| Zoning Designation | R-1:8 | R-1:8 |
| Existing Use | Single-Family Home | Single Family Home |
| Property Size | 15,000 Square Feet | |

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The applicant proposes to demolish the existing 1,400 square foot single-story home and replace it with a 3,000 square foot two story home 28' tall. The maximum height allowed by Town Code is 30' and the Floor Area Ratio would allow a house with 4,050 square feet of living area. The surrounding neighborhood is comprised of predominantly single-story homes with an average size of approximately 2,000 square feet.

NEIGHBORHOOD REACTION:

The surrounding neighborhood is divided on the issue of development. Some of the neighbors are in support of the project and think it will increase their property values, while others are opposed to the project because they feel it is too large for the neighborhood and will create privacy concerns for the adjacent neighbors.

PROCESS:

- The Design Review Committee reviewed the project on two occasions and after numerous changes and additions of required information the Committee deemed the application complete.
- The Design Review Committee has the authority to approve a project of this nature, however, the Community Development Director has reviewed the project and determined that it will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for their review.

What is your initial reaction to the above referenced project?

What issues do you feel will need to be investigated further?

What is your position on the delicate balance between property rights and neighborhood input?